

Members Representation.

†ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಪುಷ್ಪರಾಮಯ್ಯ (ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ).—ಸ್ವಾಮೀ ನೆನ್ನೆಯ ದಿವಸ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ಸಭಾಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ವರ್ಷದ ಬಡ್ತಿಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಮಂಡಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಸಚಿವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪನವರು ರ್ಯಾಂಡಿನ ಸಂಭಂದದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಕತಕ್ಕ ಸರ್ಧಾರ್ಜನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೂ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧದಾಗಿ ಅವರು ಮುಂದೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಒಂದು ಬಿಲ್ಲಿನ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ತರುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ಅವರು ನೆನ್ನೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಈ ಸರ್ಧಾರ್ಜಿನ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಆಸರ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕಸ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಆ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರೆಸ್‌ಮೆನ್‌ಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಹ ರಿಲೀಜ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸಭಾಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಚ್ಯುತಿ ಬಂದ ಹಾಗಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಎಂ. ಪಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲರವರು ಇಂಥವೇ ಒಂದು ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಗಮಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಆದರೆ ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಾಲಿನ ವಿಚಾರ ಹೊರಗೆಡುವದಿರಿಂದ ಆಗ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರೆನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಕಾಣ್ಕಿಡೆನಿಗೆ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲೇ ಅವರು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಾಲಿನ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಒರೆಯ ವರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗೆಡವಿತ್ತು ಈ ಸಭಾಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗೆ ಚ್ಯುತಿ ತಂದಹಾಗೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಆದ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ನಾನು ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತಮಿಲ್ಲ ಅರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಂಡಿ ದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಾವು ಇದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

†Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—I support the motion made by the Leader of the Opposition. The Leader referred to the Speaker's ruling. I will read one sentence from that ruling. This ruling was given on 6th March 1958. "It is desirable that as far as possible ministerial statements in respect of important matters involving a change in policy should be made in the House when the House is in session since this will enable the matter to be brought to the notice of the Legislature which ultimately controls the policies of Government." This is a very important point in the ruling. I understand from press reports which obviously must have emanated from the Chief Minister or the Finance Minister that the land revenue surcharge should be at the rate of 30 per cent in areas where there is no settlement or revision and 10 per cent in certain other areas. The Chief Minister is a very clever person and he knows the ruling of the Speaker and so, he would not have directly called the press conference. I do not know how it came out and from what source. what is important is that this is a matter which is covered by a ruling of the Speaker wherein the right of Members to know question of policy and change in policies earlier, is affected. This matter was specifically raised in the House and this is a matter which is covered by a ruling. So, the Chief Minister and Leader of the House on whom this question rests very heavily should have taken care to see that the information did not go to the press. Now that it has appeared in the press, it has become the definite and bounden duty of Members of this House to raise it in this House. It is only in that light that we are raising it. It must be treated that a breach has occurred of the ruling given by the Speaker. It is only in that light that we are making this submission. I want the Speaker to consider this matter carefully and give a ruling.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, my Hon'ble friend Sri Suryanarayana Rao says from there that it is only paper news. Exactly in similar circumstances previously also a policy matter appeared in the press and the matter was discussed in the House for one and half hours and the Speaker reserved his ruling. After one and half months, he gave this ruling that when the Assembly is in session when important decisions of policy matters are taken by Government that must be first announced in the House. So there is no substance in the argument of my friend Sri Suryanarayana Rao that it is only a paper news. I request the Chair to note that this is a very important matter. Without taking the House into confidence, they discussed this matter in the party and this matter has appeared in the press. It was the responsibility of the Government to place the matter first before this House, instead of giving it to the party and the press first. So I request the Chair to pull up the Government. Not only that, your ruling also has been violated. It is an insult to the Chair. Before taking any decision in the matter, I request the Chair to please refer back to the ruling given then and consider under what circumstances that ruling was given and then give a ruling on the present issue.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ (ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಈಗ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷ ನಾಯಕರು ಜನರ ನೆಚ್ಚುಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಏನೊಂದು ಮೋಷನ್ ಎತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅದರ ವಿಚಾರದ ವೇದಿಯೋ ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ, ಆವರು ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಯಾವ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರುಗಳೇ ಆಗಲಿ ಯಾರು, ಯಾವ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಕಾನ್ಫರೆನ್ಸನ್ನು ಕರೆದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಯಂಟ್ ಡಿಸ್ಕಸ್ ಮಾಡಿದೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಬಿಟ್ಟದೆಯೋ ಅದರ ಇತರಾಂಗವು ವಿಷಯ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ದೋಷವೇನಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಈ ಸಂಭಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ರೂಲಿಂಗನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ನನಗೂ ಪ್ಲಾಪಕವಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈಗ ಈ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ನಾವುಗಳೂ ಯಾವ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾವು ಯಾರ ಮುಂದೆಯೂ ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಡಿಸ್ಕಸ್ ಮಾಡಿಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ; ಯಾರ ಎದುರಿಗೂ ನಾವು ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳೋ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಕಡೆಯವರೋ ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳುವೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಪ್ರೆಸ್‌ನವರು ಹೇಗೆ ಈ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ 10 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟು, 30 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟು ಬರೆದರು? ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಈಗ ಸರ್ಕಾರವರು ಈ ರೀತಿ 10 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟು; 30 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟು ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚನಗಿಂತ ಮೊದಲಿ ಎಂತ ಒಪ್ಪಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೆ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—As far as the Government are concerned, we have not called for any press Conference and we have not given out any news at all. If anything has appeared in papers, by what agency and by what method they have been able to get that information, that is not a matter for Government to consider. It is a matter left to the press people themselves.

AN HON'BLE MEMBER.—That is the natural inference.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—You are at liberty to draw any inference you like, but we are not prepared to make any statement.

Sri G. E. HOOVER.—Shall we take it that the press news is not correct ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಈಗ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ 10 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್; 30 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಎಂದು...

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I rise to a point of order. The Leader of the Opposition raised a point which has been answered. Now, there is absolutely no scope for the Hon'ble Member Sri Puttanna to begin to interpolate.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—There is no point of order. I have given him permission.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಈಗ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಬ್ಲಿಷ್ ಆಗಿ ಬಂದಿರತಕ್ಕ 10 ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮೂವತ್ತು ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ವಿಚಾರ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಾದಂತಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೆ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನಾವು ಈ ಐನ್‌ಫರ್ಮೇಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. If so, what action are Government going to take against the persons who have published this news ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no question of Government taking any action against any person. How they obtain their information is a matter left to the press. It is not a matter for Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರು ಆವರಣೇ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಪಬ್ಲಿಷ್ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೇನೂ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇನು ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Unless there is any necessity to take any action, we will never take any action.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIIYA.—Then shall we take it that the Speaker's ruling has no value ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—He claims that this is a question of privilege. Rule 178 says:

"A Member wishing to raise a question of privileges shall give notice in writing to the Secretary before the commencement of the sitting on the day the question is proposed to be raised.

....." ಬೇಫೋಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರು ಈಗ ತಾನೆ ನಾವ್ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಏನೂ ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIIYA.—A Member may raise the question even in the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SECRETARY.—No, he must give it in writing.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—It has appeared in the press. So far, Government have not contradicted the same.

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾರೂ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಏನನ್ನೂ ರಿಲಿಜ್ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲಾ ? Why does he raise it again ?

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—When the House is sitting we can bring any question which is very important for the House as well as the State. Now the Government should come forward and say that the press news is wrong or they must sail with the press. Unless there is fire, how can you expect smoke ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— If he wants to raise any question of privilege, he can do so, by giving notice in writing one day earlier.

(At this stage the Chief Minister left the Assembly Hall)

Sri M. RAMAPPA.— Is it proper on the part of the Leader of the House to leave this House without the permission of the Chair, when the matter is raised ?

Mr. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.—He has taken the permission of the Chair.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—If the Hon'ble Members are not observing everything, they should not raise charges, for the reason that the Chief Minister took the permission of the Chair.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Let us know from the Government whether they are contradicting the press news or not.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.— I have not finished. All that I wish to submit is that when the question was raised that the Chief Minister has left the House without taking the permission of the Chair, it was not at all correct and by the time I could finish my sentence, another Hon'ble Member got up and wanted to bring in a new subject. I should feel that the rules of procedure should be strictly followed and if any thing is to be done contrary to that, it should not be, as far as possible, encouraged.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIYA.— My friend raised a point of order. He was on his legs. In the middle, the Minister for Law stood up.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಎಂ. ಮಾದಪ್ಪ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ತಾವೀಗ ಈ ಮೋಷನ್‌ನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ಕೊಡಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳೋಣವಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೆ ನಾನೀಗ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಗಮನವನ್ನು 180 ಸೆಕೆಂಡು ರೂಲಿನ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವೆನು....

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—I rise to a point of order.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—The Hon'ble Member on the other side is allowed to raise a point of order but the same privilege is not given to this side. The point of order raised by an Hon'ble Member on this side is over ruled.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have answered the point of order and still if the Member persists....

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIYA.—They are already indifferent to the ruling of the Chair. When they are indifferent, you are not taking them to task.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— That matter is over.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIYA.— You did not dispose of the point of order already raised.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— It was over.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.— May I submit that my point of order was not over ?

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.— The question raised was whether the Government is in a position to contradict what has appeared in the press.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— That matter was ended ; then Sri U.M. Madappa began to speak and at that time, Sri Suryanarayana Rao raised a point of order.

2-30 P.M.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.— Sir, my point of order is this. I only wish our friends had allowed me to say what I had to say. Before I said what the point of order was, the Members interpreted. It is a sad comment. Sir, you were pleased to give a ruling that privilege motion moved by the leader of the Opposition was not according to the prescribed rules. Mr Madappa rose to substantiate the proposition mooted by the Leader of the Opposition saying that no notice of a privilege motion be given and all that. My point of order is, when once the Speaker gives a ruling that a privilege motion of any nature has to come in the prescribed form to the Secretary first, is it open to any Hon'ble Member of this House to get the question reopened and debate upon over again ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— I will answer the point. I did say that a question of privilege could be raised by an Hon'ble Member after giving notice of it when that matter is sent to the Secretary before the commencement of the sitting. That is the Rule. Even after the notice is received, it is necessary also that the Speaker should give permission and consent to it. Unless the Speaker gives his consent to it, the privilege motion cannot sustain ; I did say this. In spite of that, some Members persist and go on questioning the ruling of the Chair ; this is not fair. The rule is perfectly clear. The notice should be sent to the Secretary and the Speaker must approve of it. That being so, I cannot understand the arguments and counter-arguments of Hon'ble Members even after a ruling is given.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.— Sir, there is a proviso to that rule which says, if the Speaker is satisfied about the urgency of the matter, he may allow. Government is looking out information to the Press in camera. You must take action against the Government for this. Even now, you may consider the urgency of the matter and allow it. I appeal to the Chair.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— I cannot decide at this stage. If he wants to raise a privilege motion, he can give notice and send it to the Secretary and I will consider it. The matter should end now. I call upon Sri B. G. Khot to speak.